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## **Bill Bans Lobbying by Relatives**

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – Close relatives of statewide officeholders would be banned from lobbying if a bill filed this week by Sen. Maida Coleman (St. Louis) is made into law.

"We want to reassure folks that we represent their well being rather than those of influential special interests," Sen. Coleman said. "It seems inappropriate to allow lobbyists to be closely tied to our highest elected officials."

Sen. Coleman's bill proposes no parent, sibling, or child of a statewide elected official will be eligible to register as a lobbyist.

"This bill needs to be made into law," Sen. Coleman said. "Missourians need to believe that elected officials are honorable in our service. This bill would take away any semblance of impropriety."

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